sia Only Shows a Decrease-More ews From the Klondike-Mystery of a Montana Mine-Cured of Klondike Fever.

The official figures of the production of old for 1836 have not yet been published by the mint bureau. Those for the United States were compiled some time ago, but it requires a longer interval to obtain correct returns from foreign countries. Director Preston will soon make public an official estimate of the gold production of the world for 1865. The Transvala district and other portions of South Africa will show a production of about \$44,000,000, Russia will show some falling off from the total of \$25,834,400 reported for 1855. The Australian product for 1856 was about \$46,000,000, according to the Australian mint returns as against \$44,798,300 for 1835. Mexico has been showing considerable improve-The official figures of the production of has been showing considerable improvement in recent years, and will probably show a product of \$1,000,000 in 1856—a gain of \$1,000,000 over 1855.

The following table shows the production in the United States by states for the calendar year 1896, as officially determined:

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### MYSTERY OF A MONTANA MINE. People Who Enter It Fall Asleep and Their Bodies Become Rigid.

From the Butte (Mont.) Miner.

"In this line of work we come across some curious accidents and narrow escapes," said Deputy Mine Inspector Frank Hunter the other night. "One thing struck me long ago, and that is how much it takes to kill a man sometimes and how easily the thread of life is often snapped.

"Down in Colorado I knew a fellow who plunged down 800 feet in a single compartment shaft. He went to the bottom, but did not break a bone. Of course, he was pretty badly jarred up and a good deal frightened, but he was all right again in a day or two. When he fell he went down feet first, and a big oilskin that he wore opened out at the bottom and acted as a parachute. He said the last part of his descent was so much slower than the first that he hardly thought he was dropping at all, and half expected to remain suspended in the shaft like Mohammed's coffin.

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"Nearly always when a man falls any distance he turns over, if he starts feet downward, and finishes his plunge head first. I have seen a number of cases where the man fell with his boots on and was found barefooted when he was picked up. I suppose this is because the blood goes to the head, making the feet smaller, and begides the pressure of the air upon the beel and counter acts as a bootjack.

"I had to go over to Sand Coulee to investigate an accident in which one man was killed and another had three ribs broken. Speaking of Sand Coulee, it struck me while I was there that if I wanted to commit suicide I would go there to do it. I don't mean that life becomes such a burden in the coal country that the ties that bind are more easily severed than elsewhere, but that it affords unsurpassed facilities for a cheap and happy dispatch. It's a wonder to me that some of the many people who annually launch themselves into eternity from Butte do not take the Sand Coulee route.

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"Down in the coal mines there is one passage that is three miles long, and in some of the chambers air does not seem to circulate. Upon the walls there is a gathering of moisture, and if you puff a cigar in one of these chambers the smoke will seek the walls, where it clings with an undulating movement like a spray of weeds under running water. That dew on the walls is white damp, and the dead air of the chamber where it is found is poisonous. In a few minutes a feeling of drowsiness steals over a man who breathes it, and before long he is asleep and dreaming deliciously, so those say who have been resuscilated. But the sleep is akin to that of the lost traveler over whose numbed limbs the Arctic snow eddies and drifts, for unless help comes soon there is no awakening. If, however, the venturesome explorer of these underground deathtraps realizes his danger in time and manages to stagger out into the fresh air, he has an experience to undergo which may cause him to regret that he did not remain inside. Every bone and muscle aches with the intolerable poignancy that is known to convalescents from yellow fever. The treatment is simple, but effective. Being nearly dead, the sufferer is nearly buried. A hole is dug in the soft earth, and the victim is made to stand up in it while the dirt is thrown in around him until only his head is seen above ground. This draws out the screness, and in a short time the patient has recovered."

## A SUDDEN POSTPONEMENT.

How a Funeral in the Klondike Came to an End and the Graveyard Devoted to Another Purpose.

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He had died with his boots on, and his brethren of the pick and the pan were giving him a bang-up funeral. They had set aside a worthless tract as a cemetery, and now they were about to inter the departed with all the solemnity that a Klondike camp could muster.

When the slow paced cortege, the pine box in its midst, and Alkall Ike and Derringer Dick at its head, reached the cemetery on the lone hillside, it was found that Placer Pete, who had just been elected sexton, was still deepening the grave, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Settling down the honored burden, the crowd surged forward and waited in silence for Pete to inish his task. Alkall Ike and Derringer Dick, as chief mourners, stepped to the graveside and uttered a few words of encouragement to the panning digger.

Suddenly Alkall Ike stooped over the pile of dislodged soil. He ciutched the arm of Derringer Dick. He muttered a word or two. The head of Placer Pete, wild-eyed and staring, appeared above the edge of the excavation. Then the two mourners turned around and faced the crowd. They were pale and excited.

"Gen lemen," said Alkall Ike, with difficulty controlling his articulation, "this yer funeral hes got to be postponed to some more fittin' time an' place. The sexton here hes just struck pay dirt!"

And then the observes wound up with a wild yell and a wilder rush.

Two days later the ex-cemetery looked like one tremendous grave.

## LINED WITH DEAD HORSES.

S. Benson Tells of the Skaguny Trail -The Worst Sight He Has Ever Seen.

## RICHEST MINE IN THE PLACERS OF THE KLONDIKE.



The claim from which Clarence J. Berry and his wife, "the Bride of the Klondike," took out \$135,000. The photograph from which the picture is drawn was taken in April last. The water taken from the mine in the morning was frozen on the dump. This property is situated on Eldorado creek, a small stream running into Bonanza creek, which is a tributary of the Klondike, joining that stream a short distance above its juncture with the Yukon.

Balley building, with no soil at all. In what little depressions there are you find a bog or mire of moss, making the country in all one of the worst that you can think of to travel over on foot, to stay nothing of horses.

"I found 1.100 people on the Dyca trail, most of them pretty well over. On Lake Linderman I found Doc Brown and family and J. E. McGrew, all from Seattle, making ready to start down the river. Going back over the Skaguay trail, I did not find any campers to speak of until I reached the summit, where there were a few.

"A few miles farther on I met the greatest sight I have ever seen in my life or ever expect to see. On fifteen or twenty miles were from 1.500 to 1.600 horses and about twice as many men trying to make their were from 1,500 to 1,600 horses and about twice as many men trying to make their way over the worst trail, or rather no trail at all, over a mass of boulders such as I cannot find words to describe. Dead mules and horses were everywhere, and every little while one was seen down, either in the mire or rolled over a boulder, and no one making any headway to speak of. Not more than one in twenty will get over the summit before snow falls. I shall make my report, but do not think our people will do anything here."

### LUCK IN THE MINES. Few Discoverers of Rich Claims Re-

main Wealthy-Schemers Reap the Profits.

Few discoverers of rich gold mines have remained wealthy. The speculator or synremained wealthy. The speculator or syndicate schemer, who remams at home and takes none of the hardships, is the one who becomes a millionaire. In the early '69s a prospector from Virginia, commonly known among miners as "Virginia," discovered a rich mine in Nevada and his name was given to Virginia City. Another prospector, named Comstock, discovered another rich mine further up the guleh, and the district was called the "Comstock Lode." Both men died poor, after being swindled out of their rich "finds."

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A decade later four men unearthed a "bonanza," which is an Italian sallor's phrase for "fair wind." These two mines yielded about \$200,000,000, and developed four "bonanza kings"—Flood, Mackay, Fair and O'Brien. These were shrewd enough, however, to hold on to their fortunes, some of them relaxing their grip only when death claimed them.

A few years later two prospectors named Ritchie and Tabor discovered a rich mine in Colorado near the mountain village of Leadville. Tabor was postmaster, and also sold to other miners flour, bacon and whisky at extremely high prices. After getting out a few hundred thousands Ritchie sold to Tabor for \$500,000. Tabor then uncovered several millions, with which he built opera houses and hotels. He was elected to the United States senate, and lived a life of extravagant ease. Domestic difficulties came upon him, and he settled a princely fortune upon the wife from whom he was divorced. Later, financial trouble came upon him, and to-day he is prospecting in Arizona with a pick and shovel.

Nearly a decade later a prospector named Creede (known in the West as Harvey) discovered a rich mine in Southern Colorado and called it "Creede." After taking out three or four millions he quit and went to Los Angeles. He, too, was a victim of domestic trouble and recently committed suicide, although there was nothing dishonorable in his actions so far as has ever been learned.

### COLD ENOUGH AT SEATTLE. Three Boys Cured of the Klondike Fever by the Story of the Aged Adviser.

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

A story was told on the dock recently in Seattle of three young men who were cured of the Alaskan fever in a very practical manner. They had concluded that they would go on the Al-Ki, and had purchased three berths.

"Now, you boys," said the aged adviser, "want to remember that it's pretty cold up there. It's pretty low temperature here to-day, but nothing to what you'll find on the Yukon. Now, let me advise you. Before going to that country you would better have some experience. You may not like it and then you will want to come back. To-night promises to be pretty cold. I have a tent in my house that I used when in Alaska. You boys take the tent out on Queen Anne hill and sleep in it to-night.

"It is now 10 o'clock. Don't eat any-

tent out on Queen Anne hill and sleep in it to-night.

"It is now 10 o'clock. Don't eat anything until about 8 o'clock this evening. Then, building a fire in your tent, cook some beans and bacon, fix up some unsweetened black coffee and make a meal. Until bedtime sit around the fire smoking and chewing tobacco and playing cards, and then fix up a rough bunk on the ground and sleep until morning. If you enjoy it, go to Alaska; if not, stay at home."

home."

The boys caught up with the idea enthusiastically and promised to carry out the programme. Whether they did or not is not known, but yesterday morning three miserable-looking boys canceled three tickets on the Al-Ki, and as they humbly left the steamship office one was heard to say: "Do you really suppose it gets that cold in Alaska?"

John Kayamagh, the fiddler of the Klondike, before the year is over, will probably be held responsible for the downfall of some scares of musicians, who, tempted by the stories of his good luck, are tracking their way to Alaska, provided only with their instruments and a hopeful disposition. Kayanagh had been employed at Port Costa, but he became possessed of the idea that there was money to be made in the North, so he struck out for Juneau. From that place he moved on to the Klondike region, going afoot over the rough country intervening, and carrying with him in his outfit a Winshester rifle and a violin. Once in the diggrinks he found himself about the only available musician there, and the miners gladly paid him \$30 or \$35 a night to play for them at the dances.

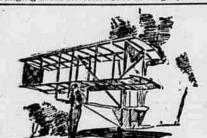
Comradaship of Miners.

A touching incident is reported from the The Fiddler of the Klondike.

the roughest country in Crosgingoland and to cross a river and two creeks, all of which were in flood. They got their mate into the doctor's hands in time to save his life.

### INCREASE IN GOLD COIN. European Banks Have Gained \$700,-

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AT CLOSE RANGE.

out a single accident to the operators. All of these performances have been eclipsed within the last eight days.

Roughly described, the aerocurve, or gliding machine, consists of two superposed concave surfaces, sixteen feet long and four feet three inches wide, measuring an aggregate of 131 square feet each. It is provided with a combined horizontal and vertical rudder, and its total weight is less than thirty pounds. Varnished silk is used to cover the framework of spruce, which is braced with plano wire to a remarkable degree of rigidity. It is as simple as a kite in its construction, and, in fact, is about the same thing. The method of using this machine is for the operator to place himself within and under the apparatus and to face the wind on a hilliside. Keeping the front edge of the concave surfaces depressed so that the wind shall blow upon their backs and pressing them downward, the operator first adjusts his machine to the veering wind.

As soon as he obtains his poise he runs forward a few steps as fast as he can, and launches himself upon the breeze by raising up the front edges of the sustaining surfaces so as to receive the wind from out a single accident to the operators. All of these performances have been eclipsed



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## HARD TEST OF RANGE HORSES.

RIDDEN 2,400 MILES IN NINETY DAYS WITH ONLY GRASS FOR FOOD.

Cannot Be Excelled for Military Serv ice-A Test That Ought to Con-

### A HAUNTED BALL PLAYER.

Billy Earle Gets No Work Because He Is Feared as a "Hoodoo"-Some of His Experiences.

Catcher William Earle arrived in Baldead!"
But it wasn't such a poor wake after all; for when the live corpse collected his scattered senses he exercised his conjugal authority, took the \$13 from his wife and set them up for the mourners. Stomach trouble was supposed to have caused his death. He may have more trouble of that kind to-day. timore yesterday and sat on the Baltimore bench during yesterday's game. He came here to meet Manager Hallman of the St.

European Banks Have Gained \$700,000 and Gold in the Last

Maurice L. Muhleman. of the treasury department, who is an expert statistician in all matters relating to the movement of money, said to-day that the European thanks had gained \$700,000 gold in the last half dosen years. This is practically new that the European thanks had gained \$700,000 gold in the last half dosen years. This is practically new that the European thanks had gained \$700,000 gold in the last half dosen years. This is practically new that the European thanks had gained \$700,000 gold in the last half dosen years. This is practically new that the European thanks had gained \$700,000 gold in the last half dosen years. This is practically new thanks had gained \$700,000 gold in the last half dosen years. This is practically new thanks that gained \$700,000 gold in the last half dosen years. This is practically new thanks that gained \$700,000 gold in the last half dosen years and such the basis of medicinal thanks that gained \$700,000 gold in the last half dosen years and the basis of medicinal thanks that the process of the process of the bureau of animal industry of the decrease. The new money is more practically and the basis of medicinal thanks that the process of the process of

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## Concise Answers.

From Judge.
Sunday school teacher—"What did the angel do to Zacharias in the temple?"
Bertie—"He made him dumb."
Sunday school teacher—"And when the prophecy was fulfilled, what happened to Zacharias?"

## NOT SO DEAD AS HE LOOKED. SCHEMES FOR TAPERING OFF.

Successor-Beautiful Wake

Spoiled.

Conn the Shaughraun Has a Jersey

METHODS ADOPTED BY ME! TO CUT DOWN THEIR DRINK

From the New York Press.

When the old women laid it out, they said, "Isn't it a lovely corpse?" It was. With a nice clean shirt and collar, and a virgin necktie; with a black three-button cutaway coat, and brand new lavendor trousers, striped delicately, there was no doubt that Alonzo Calhoun of Jersey City was a lovely corpse.

The mourners who gathered beside his bler on Thursday night said between breaths:

"Ain't he just like life?"

Old John Murphy took the glass from hic lips long enough to say, "He's twice as natural."

The candles flickered at the head of the black-shrouded trestle whereon the coffin lay, and at the foot weeping women knelt The Fat Man's Scheme-He Trusted to His Wife-Twelve Drinks by the Bell Punch - Applying the Principle of Economy.

"It must be a little discouraging to those two men," said a well known New Yorker who was standing on the plants of the club house at a seashore resort near New York, 'when they both fell down within twenty-four hours after they had finished their cure. They both went into quarantine together and did all they could to help one another. Between them they managed to put in the six weeks, and when they came out you would not have seconliged them. They did not look like the same two men who had gone into retreat. But the day after they reached New York both of them got so drunk that they fell down in front of Delmonico's and had to be carted to a hotel in a harspm. The cure they took was said to be the best in the country, too."

"What are they zoing to do now?"

The candles flickered at the head of the black-shrouded trestle whereon the coffin lay, and at the foot weeping women knelt and beat their breasts before the crucilix. A wall from a score of voices, low but insistent-a stinging undertone of grief-rose through the smoke of the crowded room. The widow, in hasty black, sat at the head of the bier, with her handkerchief to her eyes. Her cronies joined with her in lamentation, for never was there so good a man so suddenly gathered to his fathers.

"And him so young," said old John Murphy, removing his glass once more.

John Brown, the secretary of the S. P. C. A. of Jersey City, of which Calhoun was an agent, came in, wiping his tears away with a napkin that had a black border two inches deep. Behind him, also in mortuary garb, followed a dozen sorrowing members of the society. Brown was spokesman.

"Mrs. Calhoun," he said, with solemnity be carted to a hotel in a harpm. The cure they took was said to be the best in the country, too."

"What are they going to do now?"

"Swear off again and not drink another drop, for three more months."

"Why not follow my scheme?" asked a fat man at the table. "I never drink unless my wife does, and I find that works to a "T." When I married she thought I was drinking too much. I knew it. She doesn't believe in total abstinence for other prople and she likes a cocktail nerself. But I had to diminish the daily supply, and she suggested that I should never drink unless I was with her and she wanted a drink at the same time. I consented to the arrangement, expecting that it would cure her taste for drink permanently. But it didn't, although it decreased my amount to the proper supply.

"That's a better scheme than Smith's," came from the other side of the table. "While he was sick two years ago the doctor allowed him only twelve drinks a day. Mike's average was considerably more than that. Well, the doctor gave him a bell punch, and he was to pull it every time he took a drink. For about a week he followed that plan religiously. Then he grew a little careless, and for four out of the six months he carried the thing with him he would religiously pull the handle on the punch until it registered twelve. That he always did when he ordered his first drink. Then he would turn in and drink as much as he ever had drunk before."

"One of the best schemes I ever saw," tuary garb, followed a dozen sorrowing members of the society. Brown was spokesman.

"Mrs. Calhoun," he said, with solemnity only spoiled by his stammering, "we all sliked Aleck."

The widow wept silently; her friends sniveled audibly.

"He was hot stuff," said old John Murphy, with a gulp.

Brown pierced Murphy with a glance of withering reproof, and went on:

"Mrs. Calhoun, lady, we're not rich, and so ain't you. So we just frisked ourselves in the office to-day, and here's the pot."

With which he handed to Mrs. Calhoun \$43.

Between her sobs the grief stricken widow accepted the sad offering. Then she said, in tones full of a wealth of wee:

"If the ladies and gents will come into the next room maybe"—

There was a hurried exodus, and nobody was left in the gloomy funeral chamber save Brown. From the room beyond he heard a clinking of glasses and old John Murphy's voice murmuring, "Well, he was a good man, anyway:" but Brown, faithful friend that he was, resisted the fleshpots and stood there and wept.

A tear from his eye fell upon the pale, dead nose of Calhoun.

"Say," said the corpse, sitting up in the coffin, "I'll stand for most any game, but when you throw your weeps in my face that ends it and I get up and call the deal off."

And he got up, tearing his white satin

fore."

"One of the best schemes I ever saw," said another one of the men, "was perfect so long as it lasted. But it failed after a month. I know a man whose wife thought that he drank too much for his means. She thought he drank too much for his health as well, but she put it on financial grounds. A woman knows that as soon as she objects to drinking on the grounds of principle she is very likely to have little or no influence. So this wife put it on the grounds of economy, and made her husband promise to give her exactly the same amount that he spent on liquor. He was in his second year of married life and he promised willingly. It astonished him to see how much at the end of every day he was compolled to hand over to his wife. She would have an accounting with him every night after dinner, going through the day drink by drink. It did reduce considerably the amount he drank, for it made him realize how much the spent every day. But his wife got tired of estimating the amount he owed every night, he wouldn't or couldn't remember, and they gave the plan up. But it was one of the best while it lasted." off."

And he got up, tearing his white satin lining, peeled off his respectable black and yelled, "Who says I'm dead?"

Brown fied. So did the mourners—all save old John Murphy, who took the glass away from his mouth long enough to say, "My, my, what a pity he ain't dead!"

But it wasn't such

### YOUNG GIRL TAKES THE VEIL Miss Van Rensselaer, of Historic Family, to Join Cloistered Order of

the Sisters of Presentation. Miss Annette Van Rensselaer, of Netherwood, Dutchess county, N.Y., who took the white veil of the Sisters of the Presentation at their convent at Staten Island on Wednesday, is only



If years old, and her admission to the cloistered order at so early an age is considered noteworthy. The girl's father was Colonel Walter Van Rensselaer, of the old Van Rensselaer family of Albank. He left no fortune. The family were Episcopallans until, through the influence of a woman who lived with them, Mrs. Van Rensselaer tholic.

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Catholic faith with their mother, and those who did not are said to oppose their sister's resolution.

Miss Van Rensselaer is a direct descendant of the old Van Rensselaer family of Albany, whose stately old mansion is one of the most historic houses in America. The dwelling built between 1620 and 1642 is one of the oldest in the United States. It will soon be torn down. It was at the old well in the rear of the mansion that "Tankee Doodle" was composed by Dr. Schuckburg, who was a chaplain in the Revolutionary army. It was at the mansion that General Abercromble and staff had their headquarters, and on the grounds in the rear his troops were in camp. A reception was given to General Lafayette in the house, and numerous are the stories of romance, valor and love that are told with the old mansion as the central figure.

# RE-ENACT BIBLE TRAGEDY.

Ohio Farmer Tries to Follow the Example of Abraham and Slay His Son as a Sacrifice.

Som as a Sacrifice.

Samuel Hostettler, a young farmer living near Wooster, O., who had been brooding for some time over religious questions, became insane and tried to sacrifice his son in the biblical way.

Hostettler imagined that he had received a divine commission to emulate the example of Abraham, the patriarch. He accordingly told his young son to help him gather together faggots in the rear yard for a big fire.

The farmer's wife was struck with surprise by her husband's actions, and kept a watch upon him. She heard him murnur prayers while building the pyre, and when he was done with this work she saw him draw a ranor from his pocket and call their child.

With a loud cry the woman ran to her boy's rescue, but the husband told her she must not interfere, as God had commanded him to make the sagrifice, and that if she interfered everlasting hell fire was in store for her.

Mrs. Hostettler realized that the hus-

## MINING BY DREDGING.

New Methods in Montana to Increase the Placer Production-Earnings of the Dredge.

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Paris Preparing for the Exposition.

Paris is beginning to show signs of its preparation for the universal exhibition of 1900. The Palais de l'Industrie has been torn down to make way for the exhibition building, and the fine arts palace of the Champs de Mars is soon to follow. Work is progressing on the Alexander III bridge. This structure, through a change in the plans, will not be as magnificent as originally proposed. Its width has been cut down considerably, and the works of art that are to adorn it will be of zinc imitation instead of bronze.

Modern Methods.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Our missionary tells us that the bicycle is even pervading heathen India."

"Bo the benighted natives are learning to ride, eh?"

"No, not to any great extent; but they have fitted the car of Juggernaut with pneumatic tires."

## MISS HILDA LEMP.

